

### **REMARKS**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated July 3, 2006 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 7-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejected claims 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103 and stated that claims 1-4 and 7-10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

As indicated above, claims 1-4 and 7-10 have been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 1-4 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

As indicated above, claims 11-14 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 11-14.

Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner find that the application is not now in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enters this Amendment for purposes of appeal.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time.

The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

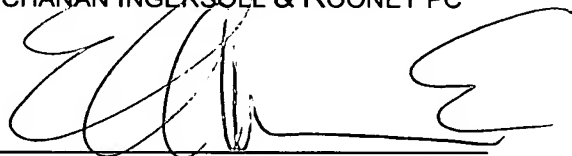
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Respectfully submitted,

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